

Interviewer: **Would you mind** *giving us a gander at* your latest book?

Author: Sure, it's a bit of a suspense and spy thriller *in the vein* of James Bond.

Interviewer: Forgive me, but **I would think** that after the Bond series people are tired of spy movies.

Author: Right, many **people in 2021 told me that the 2022 movie would fail**. But they said the same thing about the last Bond film. Instead, it has *flown in the face of expectations* and has been a runaway blockbuster.

Interviewer: Can you tell me a custom you used to have *to get the creative juices flowing*.

Author: You know, that is an interesting question. Different authors have different techniques. **Stephen King would spend the day drinking for example!**

Interviewer: Yes, and I heard that Hemingway had a habit of fighting. **He would participate in a boxing match** before writing a big chapter. Everyone has different tendencies when they are young.

Author: Yes, but *staying the course* with that kind of intense preparation is impossible as we age.

Interviewer: Yes, even when I was younger, **I wouldn't want** to be drunk or beaten up before I wrote. Would you?

Author: Would I want to get into a boxing match? No, when I was younger, **I would usually** take a long walk. **Often, I would go** as far as the next town **before I would turn back**.

Interviewer: Wow, that's *a far cry* from Hemingway. It sounds like a very serene preparation process.

Author: Yes! Although, I remember when I made the decision **to give the axe** to one of my main characters at the end of a book in a fatal car accident. I cried the whole way back.

Interviewer: Well, frankly, **I would hope you won't** *pull something like that* in your next book.

Author: Well, you never know!

To do something outrageous	Continuing on	Defied or defeated	In the same genre or style
Let us take a look	Stimulate creativity	Very different	

The modal “would” communicates a variety of different ideas.

Try to choose the correct message communicated by the “would” modal in each sentence.

- A. A tendency in the past. (3 times)
- B. A polite request. (1 time)
- C. Reporting in the past what someone predicted previously. (Using “will” in the past.) (1 time)
- D. Offering your opinion in a nice or polite way. (2 times)
- E. A desire preference or desire in the past. (1 time)

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